

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING

May 3, 2007

(Approved June 7, 2007)

Members Present: Stephen Carrier, Richard Mason, Carl Roediger, Michael Williams, John Hoglund, Joseph Butts, George Sykes, J. William Degnan, Kevin Pratt.

Members Absent: Karen Schlitzer, Earl Sweeney, Edward Murdough, Al Burbank, Brad Simpkins, and David Duquette.

Others Present: *Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services*—Dennis Rosolen, Bureau Chief; Sue Prentiss, Bureau Chief, Jeff Phillips, Bureau Chief; Heather Newland, Recording Secretary; Denice McAdoo, Executive Secretary; *Department of Safety* – John Barthelmes, Commissioner.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Item 1. Call to Order. The meeting of the New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission was called to order by Vice-Chair Stephen Carrier at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 222 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, NH.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 1. March 1, 2007. Motion was made by Commissioner Butts, seconded by Commissioner Degnan, to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2007 Commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

III. CHAIR'S REMARKS

No remarks.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 1. Emergency Medical Services. Chief Prentiss gave her report.

Item 2. Fire Marshal's Office. Fire Marshal Degnan gave his report.

Item 3. Forest Protection Bureau. Commissioner Simpkins did not give a report as he was absent.

Item 4. Curriculum Review. Curriculum Status Report by Chief Rosolen is in each Commission member's packet and is as follows:

CURRICULUM STATUS REPORT May 3, 2007

- (a) **Driver/Operator:**
 - (1) Pumps:
 - (2) Aerial Apparatus:
Still waiting to hear from the committee. No other programs will be approved at this point.
 - (3) All Vehicle:
We are currently forming a visiting committee to review this program and bring it up to the NFPA standard. A report will be coming forthwith.
- (b) **Hazardous Materials:**
 - (1) Operations:
 - (2) Technician:
- (c) **Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting:**
- (d) **NFPA 1030 Series:**
 - (1) NFPA 1031, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspectors and Plan Examiners:
Inspector II scheduled for late March to early April was a large class and went very well. Over 60 people in this program.
 - (2) NFPA 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator is in the planning stage for delivery.
 - (3) NFPA 1035, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator:
Will probably follow the 1033 standard.

(e) Rescue Series:

- (1) Structural Collapse:
No pilots scheduled as yet.
- (2) Confined Space:
A confined space trailer has been purchased from Mike Carrier of Merrimack Fire and is on campus at this time.
- (3) Technical Rope Rescue:
An Operational level of rope rescue TtT has been accomplished and
This program is ready to be offered this month. A Rope Rescue Technician class is scheduled for early September.
- (4) Trench Rescue:
A Trench Rescue class was completed in April.
- (5) Water Rescue/Ice will be the next programs to be considered.

(f) NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and Firefighter II:

(g) NFPA 1021 Fire Officer:

(h)

(i) NFPA 1041 Instructor:

A Instructor I pilot is scheduled for this month at the Academy.

(j) NFPA 1051 Wildland Firefighter:

Doing well at this point.

(j) C2F2

(k) ICS/NIMS

Starting to regionalize these programs for more effective and economical delivery.

Pro-Board Certifications, Standards and Year

NFPA 1001, Firefighter I, 2002

VIII. NFPA 1001, Firefighter II, 2002

IX. NFPA 1002, Driver Operator Pump & Aerial, 2003

NFPA 1021, Fire Officer I&II, III&IV, 2003

NFPA 1041, Fire Service Instructor I, II, III, 2002

NFPA 1031, Fire Inspector I, 2003 and soon Inspector II

NFPA 1003, Airport Firefighter, 2005

NFPA 472, Hazardous Materials Operations, 2002

NFPA 472, Hazardous Materials Technician, 2002

NFPA 1006, Rescue series not yet accredited, 2003

NFPA 1051, Wildland Firefighter, 2006

Director Mason added that the Aerial curriculum needs to be put on the front burner as the Division is receiving many requests for this.

Director Mason added the Inspector II class recently given was highly attended.

Commissioner Williams asked what the status was on the Ice Rescue program. Director Mason stated the Attorney General's Office is ready to close the book on this one. We do not know the status yet, but expect a report soon on it. The program should be up and running by the fall.

IV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Item 1. Director's Report #108. The Director's Report #108 for May 3, 2007 was reviewed by Director Mason and was as follows:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT #108 May 3, 2007

1) EMS Northern Office

The 3 alarm fire in Berlin on March 28th destroyed our office for the Bureau of EMS at 22 Main Street in Berlin. The office has been relocated to the Androscoggin Valley Hospital until we can get a more permanent site. We will keep you updated.

2) Congressional Fire Service Institute Dinner

The annual CFSI dinner was held at the Washington Hilton on March 29th. From NH in attendance was Chief Chris LeClaire (Portsmouth), Chief Shawn Murray (Hudson), Chief Steve Carrier (Tilton-Northfield), Chief John DeSilva (Amherst), Chief Roger Bradley (Hanover), Chief Chris Christopoulos (Lebanon), Chief (Ret) Brent Lemire, Fire Marshal Degnan, and myself. We had the opportunity to meet with Senator Sununu and both Congressmen Hodes and Shea-Porter.

3) John T. Ayers, 2006 Fire Instructor of the Year

Nashua Lt. Scott Carrigan, former Fire Standards and Training Commission member was bestowed the John T. Ayers Instructor of the Year Award at the Fire Instructors and Officers Association of New Hampshire's annual banquet on April 25th. CONGRATULATIONS SCOTT!

4) NH Association of Fire Chiefs

At the April 12, 2007 meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs, I was elected president of that association. It is certainly a distinct honor to have the trust of the association.

5) New CFO Designees

At the spring meeting of the Commission on Professional Credentialing two more NH fire chiefs have earned the Chief Fire Officers designation: Chief Chris LeClaire of Portsmouth and Chief Richard O'Brien of Rye. Both were presented their certificates at the municipal governance board meetings recently.

6) St. Patrick's Day Breakfast

Lobbyist Jim Demers hosts a breakfast for St. Patrick's Day each year. His biggest initiative is raising funds for personal DVD players and laptop computers for the cancer patients at CHAD (Children's Hospital at Dartmouth). Our division has requested donations for "dress down" days throughout the year for CHAD. I had the opportunity to present, on behalf of the division, a check for \$1,000 as a donation to the institution!

7) Commission Chaplain

Father Angelo Pappas, Portsmouth Fire Department Chaplain, has accepted the position of Commission Chaplain.

8) PRIMEX: Leadership in Risk Management Forum

Nick Manolis of Primex is hosting a one year program (6 classes) in Leadership in Risk Management for Fire Chiefs. Invited to participate in the beta test for this first presentation are: Chief Steve Carrier, Lt Scott Carrigan, Chief Chris Christopoulos, Chief John DeSilva, Chief George Klauber, Chief Chris LeClaire, Chief Shawn Murray, Chief Richard O'Brien, Chief Adam Thompson, Chief Randall Trull, and myself. After two sessions it is intense, but with 2 months between sessions it is acceptable.

9) Civil Support Team

The New Hampshire National Guard Civil Support Team has been training for several years and it has paid off...their certification ceremony was held on April 7th. We were mentioned on a few occasions when we provided extensive training and offered facilities for training.

Director Mason added the North American Fire Training Director's Conference will be in Portsmouth this fall. The dates are: September 25-28th, and they will be at the Academy on September 27th.

Dale Boyd's son, Andrew Farina, who is an Army Ranger, completed a competition of 40 teams; 60 hours with no time for sleep and a 22 hour march. His team placed 2nd, and was behind by only 14 points overall. This is quite an accomplishment for Captain Farina and his team, and they deserve kudos!

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1. Administrative Rules.

There was discussion on the language and meaning of Fire 101.17. Commissioner Butts made comments regarding "primary source of income." Many people he represents, being a full time firefighter is not their primary income. It was discussed to change the hours per week from 35 to 30.

There was more discussion to strike the language in 101.17(b): "as their principal source of income" from the Rule. Director Mason stated that as far as he is concerned that could "get scratched." Commissioner Butts made a motion to strike that language.

Also, there was discussion to change the wording of 101.17(b): "as a member of *a fire department*" to "is a member of one or more fire departments."

Reference was made to 701.01(b)(4). Commissioner Butts requested that the language "revoked or suspended" be changed to eliminate "suspended."

Commissioner Roediger then made a motion to adopt the changes, which was seconded by Commissioner Butts. The motion was passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

After discussion of the Administrative Rules ended, Director Mason introduced Department of Safety's new Commissioner John Barthelmes. Safety Commissioner Barthelmes then addressed the Commission. He said he has been very busy meeting everyone. There have been many new faces, as well as people he has known since his time with State Police. He thanked everyone for all they do. He said it is important to note that he comes on board as a "blank slate" and is highly trainable!

Director Mason brought up a discussion of a letter he received from Sugar Hill Fire Department. He suggested that perhaps a subcommittee should be formed to look into the matter further.

Commissioner Sykes is familiar with the Chief at Sugar Hill FD, and indicated he was approached by the Chief on this matter. George indicated he is hesitant about being on this committee. Commissioners Pratt, Burbank, Sykes and Roediger will form the subcommittee, with Chief Rosolen as the staff liaison.

Director Mason then brought up that he had looked at modules approved in the last two years. He said the first one on the list was for Sugar Hill FD. Commissioner Sykes stated he had encouraged the Chief to have the data. The subcommittee will meet right after this meeting.

Director Mason stated an invitation to the June commission meeting was sent out three months ago to the Criminal Justice Committee's Chair and Vice Chair. Normally, the June Commission meeting is when the Criminal Justice committee attends. The Director will let everyone know if this will be an evening Commission meeting or regular morning time.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing was discussed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Pratt at 11:25 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Mason, Director

Items distributed at meeting:

1. Agenda 05/03/07
2. Minutes of Meeting – 01/04/07 – Approved 03/01/07
3. Curriculum Status Report 05/03/07
4. Minutes of Meeting – 03/01/07 – Not approved
5. Director's Report #108 – 05/03/07
6. Proposed Rule Changes:
 - a. PART Fire 101.16
 - b. PART Fire 101.17

- c. PART Fire 102.01
- d. PART Fire 103.01
- e. PART Fire 201.04
- f. PART Fire 204
- g. PART Fire 205.01
- h. PART Fire 301.03
- i. PART Fire 401.01
- j. PART Fire 402.03
- k. PART Fire 404.02
- l. PART Fire 405.01
- m. PART Fire 501.02
- n. PART Fire 600
- o. PART Fire 701.01
- p. PART Fire 702.01
- q. PART Fire 702.02
- r. PART Fire 703.01
- s. PART Fire 705
- t. PART Fire 801.01

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